CUP DAY IN VICTORIA

to one who has not visited Australia have any conception of the interest ich attaches to such a race as the ne cup, which, with its sweep rom the one hundred and forty tries that were made in 1990, its of £150 value, and its added in Seribner's Magazine. On the its occurance all business is susting in the bunks and government are all closed, and by twelve ik the streets of Melbourne are as and deserted as if the city were en with a plague. For a week the event, the railway trains rom Sidney, to the number of seven or ight in a day, and all the inter-colonial mail steamers from that city and daide, are taxed to their utmost ca-ity, and the accommodations of Mel-rus, as well as all the neighboring ns, are taken up by the immense course of visitors. The facilities for eching Plemington are so good, how-er, and the course itself so spacious at even at the great race of the cenmial year, when more than 140,000 mone were upon the grounds, one with event with perfect comfort, and as transported to and from the course without five minutes, waiting at either end of the line. The admirable temper and sobriety of the great assembly are largely responsible for such a result. ng the four days' meeting of 1888 only five arrests were made on the grounds, and none of these was for serioffenses. The crowd at an Australian race meeting is often rough in appearance, but in orderliness and good-nature can hardly be excelled.

BIRD SONG.

By It the Feathered Race Depicts Love and Passico.

The gift of bird song is largely a masentiment by which the affection of the opposite sex may be attracted and retained. Indeed the birds furnish no exception to the sweeping assertion that "'tis love that gives the key to all earth's music." They sing from love and happiness, says one; from love and rivalry, another asserts; while joy and buoyancy of spirits are said by a third authority to be answer-able for their music. That most of the species sing best in the spring is well known, the motive that is responsible for the general outpour of song being a result of its influences; they are happy to be at home again in the old haunts, to be surrounded by plenty and to feel the matchless sweetness of returning

One of the most delightful of our American essayists believes all birds to be incipient or would be songsters then —that even the hen has a homely, contented carol-and he credits the owl with a desire to fill the night with The light of love within the little bird's heart is brightest at that eason and overflows and illumines his ng: "the language of passion keeps me to the heart's rhythm" until the full beauty of the flower of love is

very joy, just as we go singing about our work because our hearts are light and happy and the song sings itself; we have only to listen to it.

THE PARSON'S TEETH.

They Didn't Arrive, to He Had to Be Ex-

There is a story of a clergyman who and taken temperary duty for a friend, and who had the ill-luck to injure his false teeth during the week. The plate was sent to the dentist's for repairs, a faithful assurance being given that it should be duly returned by Sunday's post; but the dentist or the post proved

With the assistance of the clerk, the clergyman managed to stumble through the prayers, but felt it would be useless to attempt to preach. He therefore in-atructed the clerk to "make some excuse for him and dismiss the congrega-

But his feelings may be better imag-ined than described when, in the seclu-sion of the vestry, he overheard the ek, in impressive tones, thus deliver

"Parson's very sorry, but it is his mis-artune to be obligated to wear a set of rtful teeth. They busted last Wedneslay, and he ain't got them back from London to-day, as he was promised. I've helped him all I could through the service, but I can't do no more for him; tisn't any use for him going into the pulpit, for you wouldn't understand a word he said, so he thinks you all may s well go home."

The Way Cyclenes Turn.

The question is often asked: Why do eyulones, "whirlwinds" and tornadoes all persist in the polar whirl of from right to left? Astronomical speculators have supposed that all the planets once existed as rings of thinly scat-tered matter around the sun, and that these rings were annular segregations from a vague, irregularly scattered mass that turned one way in spiral courses, thus determining the direction in which the rings revolved, and all the rest from this took the same course. "But," you say, "why did the nebula revolve at all?" It grow from chaos, and on presumably possessed an inherent on from right to left. This being the s, from that time to this, sun, moon, re, planets, cyclones and tornadoes reasshered to the original habit.

Matching of Teeth. Dentists say that the greatest diffi-culty they meet with in their work is the matching of false tooth with the patural teeth of their customers. The cesth factories supply dentists with sings upon which are strung thin metal hers, each energing a tooth at its exa, each carrying a tooth at its exmity. There are twenty-five of these ple teeth, that run all the way nearly white to a shade that is al

Fraid of the Party Fredstops.

Southampton fields, known to the curtically sucleurs of the world as "The Fleid of the Forty Footstops," is a small plot of ground lying directly to the rear of the Reitish museum, London. Tra-Stien says that two brothers, some time during the duke of Monmouth's time during an analysis of the properties of the second ground. But were killed. When the grass becan to grow in the following spring, there were forty dead patches in it cor-

ATTAR OF ROSES.

Attar of roses is generally spoken of as the most extravagantly costly per-fume in the world, but when the trouble and expense of raising the roses and securing the essence is taken into account it is really very reasonable in price, says the St. Louis Globe-Demo-crat. If the delicious perfume were produced in this country and the lowest wages in the land paid for labor it could not be retailed at even three times the existing prices. Nearly all the attar of roses in the world comes from the portion of Europe which used to be a part of Turkey, but which is now under Russian influence. To secure a pound of essence it is necessary to have an entire acre of ground covered with roses and to have a good crop even then, and then the cultivators cannot rely on receiving more than seventy or seventy-five dol-

lars a pound.

The labor of cultivation is very arduous, and plucking the roses is even more so, the work being done by women, whose hands are torn all to pie by the work, and whose pay barely suffices to buy food. Roses have been culpurpose, but the return is nowhere so large as in the neighborhood of the Balkans, where the soil and climate appear exceptionally scapted for the pur-pose. It may be added that the sweet smell of a genuine Turkish eigarette is the result of adulterating the tobacco with the refuse from the rosebuds and

HIT BY A METEORITE.

The Startling Experience of a Life Insur-ance Agent in MissourL

"I am, perhaps, the only man in America who was ever hit by an aero-lite," said Col. Sid Fontaine to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat man. "I'm in the life insurance business, and one day last week procured a buggy and drove out from Sedalia to a farmhouse to settle up a loss. It was nightfall when I started home, but the sky was clear, the road good and I was making excellent time. I noticed that there were an unusual number of 'shooting stars,' and some of remarkable brilliancy. and some of remarkable brilliancy. Suddenly the road was lit up with a giare equal to that of the noonday son, only it had an orange tinge. I glanced up, and a ball of fire as large as my hat seemed to be coming right down upon me. Before I could think, much less act, it plunged into the buggy, blinding me for a moment by its glare, went through and buried itself in the ground. It bored a hole in the bottom of the buggy as large as a saucer and of the buggy as large as a saucer and triangular in shape. It made a hissing noise as it fell, reminding me of the bluff of an enormous gander. My horse took fright and I had considerable diffi-culty in controlling him. I did not know that I was hurt until I had ridden fully a mile, when my left foot began to pain me. I examined it and found all beauty of the flower of love is that the great toe was mashed flat and one of the large bones in my foot broken. That's why I go on crutches. Unfoundedly they sing at times for If I could find that meteorite and dig it up I think we two m

The Chinese and Drowning.

The Chinese not only believe in spirits, but consider them endowed with all the evil dispositions of men. When a man evil dispositions of men. When a man is drowned they believe that his spirit is spell-bound to the water, unable to leave it until he has succeeded in drowning another man, whose spirit must take his place. Having found such a substitute, the spirit is liberated from the spell and can depart to higher spheres. That is why a Chinese will under no circumstances rescue a drowning man. The rescue would denrive the ing man. The rescue would deprive the restless spirit of his substitute. The revengeful spirit would then leave the water in order to follow and haunt the rescuer, which to avoid the Chinese prefers never to go to the rescue of anybody.

The Wisdom of a Child. A dear little Philadelphia girl whose parents have had her duly instructed in Biblical lore, and who attends most regularly the Sunday school attached to an uptown church, has been very much interested of late in the movements of the comet and the possible result if it were to strike the earth in its erratic wanderings. The other evening, after having asked many questions regarding the heavenly stranger, she inquired, with all a child's naivete: "Well, mam-ma, does the Lord look after all the planets and the stars and everything up in the sky?" "Yes, dear," replied her mother; "why do you ask?" "Oh, nothing, only I thought he only just cared for Philadelphia."

A California Stone Elephant.

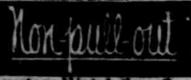
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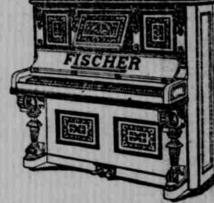
Mr. Charles Joseph, 1191 Langton St., San Francisco, Cal., cays: I sprained my ankle so badly I could not walk, and tried almost everything known, without relief, when one day a friend advised me to use St. Jacobs Oil. I did so and was speedily and wonderfully cured.

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